

Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC)

Asks Alameda Yacht Club for Help!

**ANNUALLY AYC MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO DONATE \$10.00 TO FURTHER THE EFFORTS OF RBOC.
BUT WHY?**

Recreational Boating is **Big Business** in California! The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) estimates that California Boaters contribute \$17 Billion to the State's economy. Recreational Boating also contributes more than \$1.6 billion in State and Local taxes, Creates 284,000 California jobs, and supports more than 8,500 California businesses. The only organization committed to the protection of all Recreational Boaters in California is [Recreational Boaters of California \(RBOC\)](http://www.RBOC.com). www.RBOC.com

What are RBOC's Goals?

- > To Protect All California Recreational Boaters and Boating Rights;
- > To Achieve and Enhance a Balance Between Protecting the Environment and the Responsible Use of Our Waterways;
- > To Pursue Effective Education Prior To New Regulations;
- > To Increase Safety On The Waterways;
- > To Oppose Unreasonable Taxes & Fees Paid By Boaters;
- > To Ensure that Recreational Boating is Excluded From Proposed Laws Aimed at the Maritime Industry.

How does RBOC Work for Us?

There are (9) Directors elected by the Pacific Inter Club Yacht Association ([PICYA](#)) and (9) by the Southern California Yachting Association ([SCYA](#)). All Directors volunteer their time.

[RBOC's](#) State Governmental Affairs Committee reviews all legislation affecting recreational boaters submitted to the California State Assembly and Senate. The number of bills in a legislative cycle can reach 3,000 or more! [RBOC](#) lobbies those bills that could impact recreational boating. [RBOC](#) also sponsors legislation that benefits the recreational boater.

[RBOC's](#) Regional Affairs Committee is involved in local and regional issues when requested by a [PICYA](#) or [SCYA](#) member organizations. The RBOC Directors testify in behalf of recreational boaters at all levels of local and regional governments.

How is RBOC Funded?

[RBOC](#) is supported by the voluntary contributions made by [PICYA](#) and [SCYA](#) member organizations . Contributions may be from individuals or budgeted by the member organizations as part of their annual operating budget. [RBOC](#) also receives a very generous donation from Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](#)) base on the number of [BoatUS](#) Members in California.

Where Does the Money Go?

[RBOC's](#) yearly budget is approximately \$100K. Approximately 85% of the budget covers legislative advocacy efforts and lobbying fees. The remaining 15% includes travel expenses and administration costs.

We will be requesting a \$10.00 donation in the coming months, but don't wait send your donation now:

Send to: RBOC c/o Alameda Yacht Club

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